GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2173
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2002
MAINTENANCE OF FOREST LAND RECORDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State Governments who have not maintained their records pertaining to forest land in properfrom alongwith the reasons therefor:

(b) whether mess of records of State Governments lave been the main cause for depletion and non-vacationof forest land by encroachers;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rectify the situation:

(d) whether the Central Government propose to computerise the records of forests land in the country;

(e) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(f) the time likely to be taken to complete the job?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R, BAALU):

(a) The forest lands after due survey and demarcation under Indian Forest Act, 1927/ State Forest Acts are notified by the State Governments in their Gazettes as forest lands and the records are also maintained by them.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) Do not arise.

(d) The records pertaining to forest lands are solely maintained by the State Governments and there is no proposalby the Central Government to computerise the forest= land records In the country.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.